

# Minnesota's Self Determination Project

A Developmental Disabilities Project Partnership - Blue Earth, Dakota, Olmsted Counties and DHS

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## Project Goals

The Self-Determination Project has goals in five related areas described below:

### **Improve Management and Administration of Services**

- Provide local entities responsibility for local resources and implications for their use of those resources.
- Develop service approaches that meet the needs of the geographic area being served.
- Increase incentives for people to remain in local communities.
- Support local communities to analyze and expand capacity to meet the needs of local citizens.
- Increase competition among and choice of service providers.

### **Improve Service Financing and Design**

- Provide for and support individual resource allocations and choice.
- Support individuals and families who are controlling their own resources and/or services.
- Develop and implement a rational means of resource allocation to local entities.
- Integrate all expenditures into single budgets for flexibility and efficiency.
- Develop methods and support to transition from obsolete services.
- Define a basic package of services for all persons with DD.
- Support greater innovation and benefit in work and other day programs.

### **Improve Access to Services**

- Increase equity in access and resources for persons with similar needs.
- Increase access to, and resources for, culturally appropriate services.
- Provide for local experimentation with expanded eligibility.
- Establish an ethical basis for access decisions.

### **Improve Quality Assurance and Monitoring**

- Design locally-based systems of quality assurance with consumer and family input, within guidelines established by federal and state governments.
- Make choice and control an integral part of the definition of quality.
- Link quality assurance systems with quality improvement support services.

### **Redesign Roles**

- Renegotiate and redesign traditional roles of governmental administrative employees as necessary to achieve project goals.
- Establish appropriate support systems to assist local entities, consumers, families, and service providers to fulfill new roles.
- Evaluate project implementation and outcomes to refine project as needed.